

*Defector*  
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In December 1958, the Department learned that Michael Golienowski, a Polish intelligence agent had accused an officer of the U.S. Embassy in Poland of cooperating with Polish and Russian intelligence services. Subsequently, Golienowski also alleged that some other members of the Embassy staff had behaved in such a way as to make themselves potential victims of blackmail by Communist agents.

At the time of the original allegation the Polish agent was of unknown reliability. His information and motives were evaluated as quickly as possible.

While the evaluation was being made, the Ambassador in Warsaw inaugurated additional security measures in the Embassy designed to isolate the accused member of the staff from classified information.

Only in the single case noted above was there reason to believe that an officer of the Embassy staff may have been implicated in espionage. The individual was discharged, and action has been taken which will preclude his future employment in any position where a security clearance is required. Despite intensive investigation by Federal Agencies there was insufficient legal evidence to support criminal proceedings against the suspected individual.

As a result of investigations, the Embassy Marine Guards who were guilty of unacceptable conduct (but which in no case involved treason or espionage) were disciplined and returned to the United States.

In the case of the other civilian members of the Embassy accused by Golienowski, investigations indicated that no espionage activities had taken place. However, the behavior of some of these employees was sufficiently questionable to warrant letters of reprimand which will seriously impair their future in the U.S. Government.

The Executive Branch of the Government has cooperated fully with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee since

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that Subcommittee served the first subpoena on Michael Golienowski in August 1963. A second subpoena was served on Michael Golienowski in early March 1964 through the assistance of the Executive Branch. Michael Golienowski requested postponement of his appearance on both occasions for reasons of health, to which the Subcommittee agreed. Currently he is under subpoena to appear before the Subcommittee at an early date. At no time have there been efforts by any Executive Department or Agency to quash the subpoena or to prevent Michael Golienowski from testifying before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Congressman Leslie C. Arends made the following comment on the House floor: "I might add that the CIA Subcommittee, of which I am a member, went into every aspect of this case. I am personally satisfied that the publicized statements reported to come from Michael Golienowski are not correct. The information as reported in the press is not in agreement with the information Golienowski has made available to many departments of the government."

Mr. Arends' full statement which may be of interest appears in the Congressional Record for March 26 on pages 6167-6169.